



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. OMY-010

In re patent application of

Masami AKIMOTO, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/855,806

Filed: May 16, 2001

Title: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND FILM FORMING METHOD

Confirmation No.: 1549

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Anna M. Crowell

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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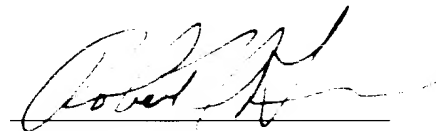
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In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 11 and 19-22 without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(i), please rewrite claims 1, 5, 9-10 and 12-18 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 1, 5, 9-10 and 12-18 are set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment.

1. (amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a polishing chamber for polishing a conductive film which is formed on a substrate;
a cleaning chamber for cleaning the polished substrate polished in the polishing chamber;
a drying chamber, having a first transferring port and a second transferring port, for drying the cleaned substrate transferred from the cleaning chamber through the first transferring port under a reduced pressure;